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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: ENCAPSULATION DEVICE AND METHODS OF USE  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 14, 2008. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 14, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 14, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. A Request for Continued Examination is also filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.